

Law Enforcement- Eagle Lake Field Office (FINAL)

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ITEM 1. Proposed Project

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ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The BLM, Eagle Lake Field Office Law Enforcement Ranger is assigned to patrol a total of 1,022,767 acres. The BLM Eagle Lake California managed lands are 978,103 acres.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Federal Law Enforcement Rangers patrol BLM lands a minimum of 40 hours a week including weekends, holidays and after hours. The Susanville Interagency Dispatch Center is available 7 days a week. The BLM, Law Enforcement Ranger assigned to the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office Patrols the area 5 days a week focusing on areas with high OHV use and user group conflicts. In addition, the Eagle Lake outdoor recreation planner, seasonal worker and maintenance staff patrol the recreation areas on foot and through the use of 4x4 vehicles, ATV's and motorcycles to identify user conflicts and issues, and to conduct trash pickup and visitor services.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

There is one Law Enforcement officer assigned to the BLM, Eagle Lake Field Office managed lands. A minimum of 75 percent of the Law Enforcement time is spent conducting OHV patrol and education.

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1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Areas with high priority for Law Enforcement of OHV use include four Areas of Environmental Critical Concern, seventeen known cultural sites to be designated as Cultural Resource Management Areas, four Wilderness Study Areas and four Special Recreation Management Areas, one Extensive Recreation Management Area, two of the areas are specially designated for OHV use, two other areas not designated as official OHV areas also receive high OHV use. Many of the designations listed above contain sensitive species, cultural sites, and areas of cultural significance and provide for a wide variety of multiple uses where conflict between users groups frequently occurs.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

This project will provide the enforcement of State and Federal OHV regulations CVC codes and 43 CFR specific laws relating to OHV use and ensure user compliance and education. Additional funding for Law Enforcement will provide the protection of natural, historical and cultural areas and reduce future conflicts. Additional Law Enforcement funding will help to protect the rights of users who respect regulations and the conservation of natural resources. The project will limit the potential damage created through OHV use to habitats, wildlife and cultural sites and provide for long term OHV recreation, ensure the protection of the environment and improve the overall recreation experience relating to safety.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The BLM Eagle Lake Field Office Law Enforcement Ranger frequently works with the surrounding BLM and Forest Service jurisdiction Law Enforcement Officers, and Lassen County Sheriff's department.

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4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

Explain

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requires a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) and collects associated fees for all commercial, competitive and/or organized events held on BLM managed lands. In addition, those permits requiring more than 50 hours of processing time are subject to Cost Recovery fees (BLM H-2930 Manual & 43 CFR). The BLM, Eagle Lake Field Office has and will continue to charge permit fees and/or cost recovery fees for permitted events.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

BLM patrol staff is trained to identify public safety hazards and to respond to emergencies. Staff training includes first responder; ATV Rider Safety; ATV Rider Safety Instructor; sound testing and spark arrestor identification. LEOs work closely with BLM wildlife and archaeology personnel to address environmental and cultural resources that may be threatened by OHV use. Additionally, enforcement rangers attend an annual mandatory training in the enforcement of 43 CFR, including OHV laws and carry the Off-Highway Vehicle Law Enforcement Information booklet published by California State Parks.

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7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

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10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:
Regular operational and maintenance needs are met to minimum standards through a combination of BLM funds and volunteers. In the past, additional maintenance needs have been partially funded through OHMVR Division cooperative agreements.
11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office						
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement- Eagle Lake Field Office (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-01-08-L01				
PROJECT TYPE :	<div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Development</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Planning</div> <div style="width: 50%;"><input type="checkbox"/> Restoration</div> </div>						
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers Notes : Eagle Lake Field Office, LE OHV Patrol	640.000	45.000	HRS	16,950.00	11,850.00	28,800.00
2	Contracts						
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Safety Equipment Notes : Safety Equipment will include personal safety items, appropriate gear for off-highway vehicle patrol staff.	1.000	2000.000	MISC	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Patrol OHV- Maintenance and Modifications to OHV (ie. hand gurads, lowering kit)	1.000	1000.000	MISC	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
	Other-Patrol Motorcycle Notes : Purchase OHV to patrol in remote areas and on single track trails.	1.000	7000.000	EA	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
6	Others						
	Other-Recon Flight Notes : Recon Flights to monitor OHV intrustions into the ACEC's, OHV areas and Wilderness Study Areas (WSA's). Recon Flight will utilize a fixed wing (plane) for about 2 hours.	1.000	1050.000	MISC	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00
7	Indirect Costs						
Total Program Expenses					28,000.00	11,850.00	39,850.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					28,000.00	11,850.00	39,850.00

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Program Expenses					
1	Staff	16,950.00	11,850.00	28,800.00	
2	Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	
6	Others	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Program Expenses		28,000.00	11,850.00	39,850.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

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